

#### City of Alexandria, Virginia

# OLD TOWN NORTH SMALL AREA PLAN UPDATE

# Planning, Land Use and Design and Housing

Subcommittee Meeting #3 Wednesday, March 22, 2016 8:00 - 10:00 AM

# Old Town North

#### a waterfront community





A hundred years after we are gone and forgotten, those who never heard of us will be living with the results of our actions. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

#### POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES

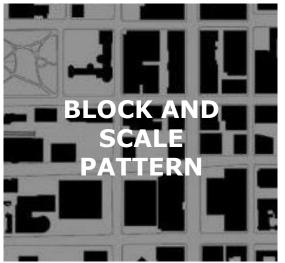
- Urban Design
  - Urban Design Subareas
  - Discussion Focus Areas
- Review and Discuss Old Town North Development Sites
  - Known Development Sites
  - Current Zoning Sites Under Maximum FAR
  - Potential Development Sites Over the Next 20 Years
- Review/Discuss Analysis of Known and Potential Development Sites
  - Sites Assessed for Potential Zoning Changes
  - Sites Assessed for Potential Height Changes
- Review/Discuss Concepts for NRG site
  - Open Space
  - Land Use
  - Scale
  - Innovative District Definition
  - Exercise



# URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES SUBAREAS AND DISCUSSION FOCUS AREAS



#### Urban Design Guidelines - Building Community & Place















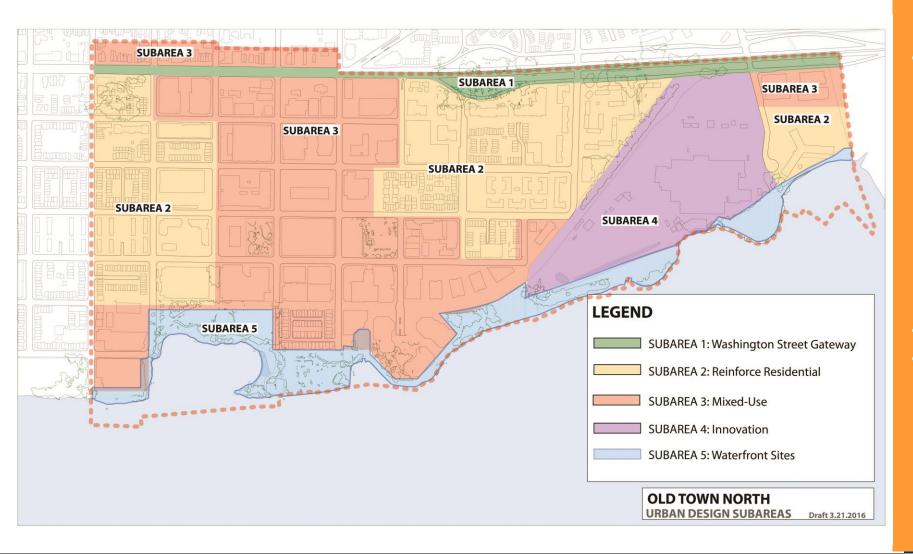


## **Urban Design Guidelines - Focus Areas**

- Urban Design Subareas
- Building Heights
- Scale and Transitions
- Building Variety
- Signage
- Pedestrian Level and Building Materials
- Parking Location
- Streetscape
- Special Places

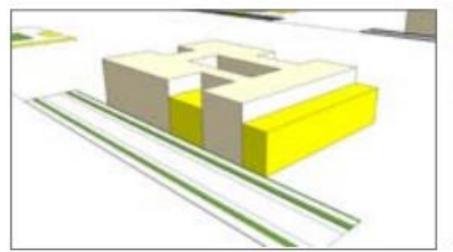


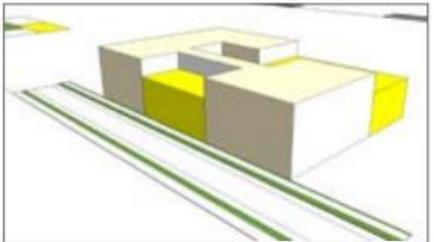
#### URBAN DESIGN SUBAREAS MAP DRAFT UPDATE

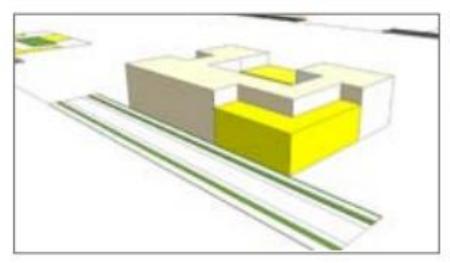


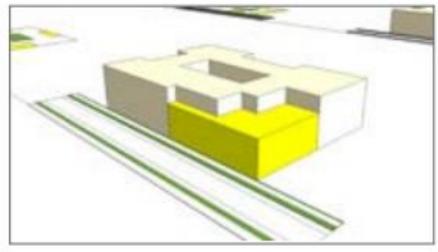


# Height -Variety

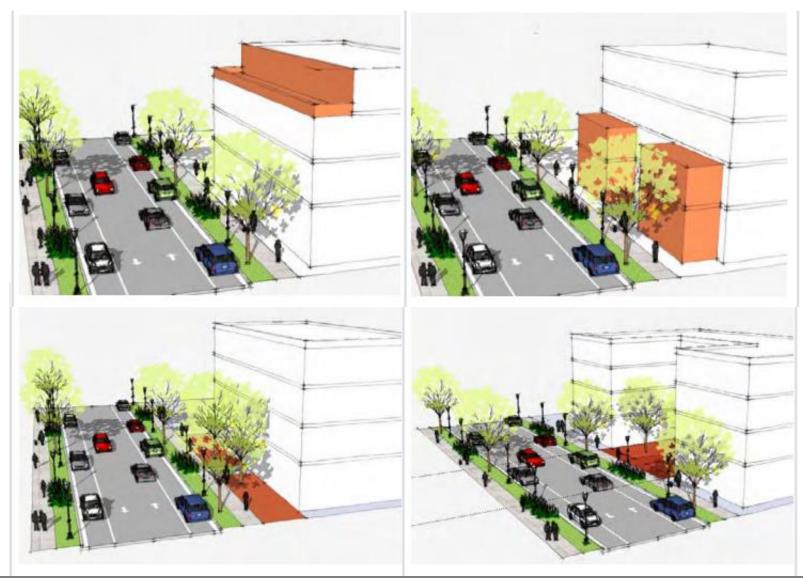






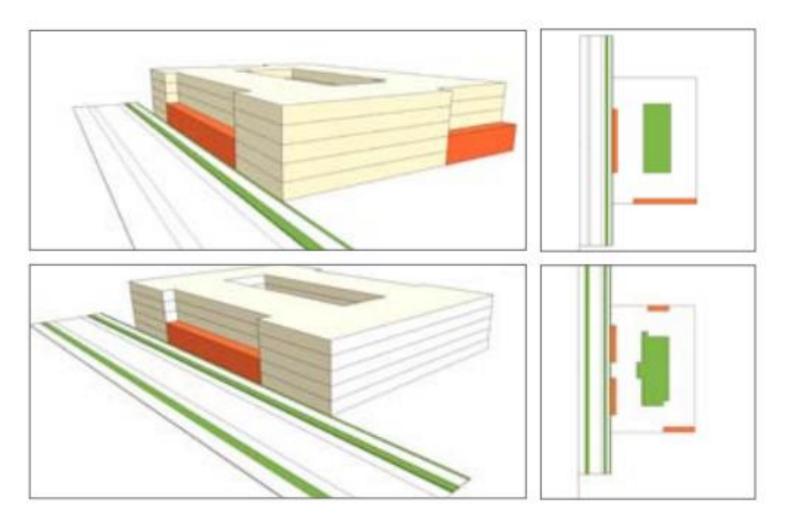


### Height - Scale Transitions (Potential Strategies)



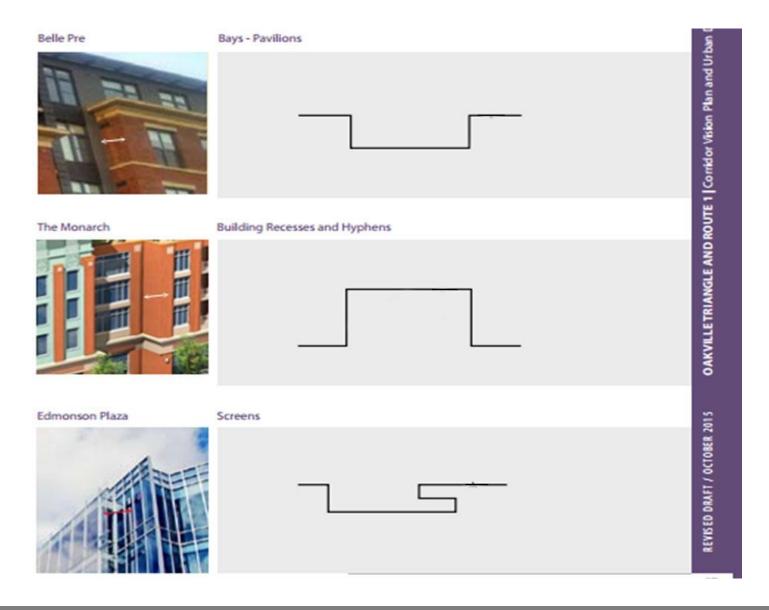


# building - variety





#### **BUILDING - VARIETY**





# Signage



















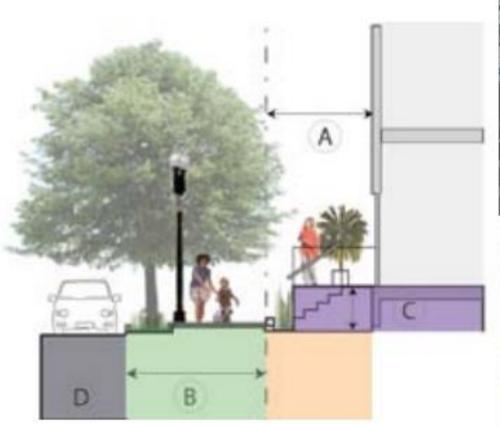








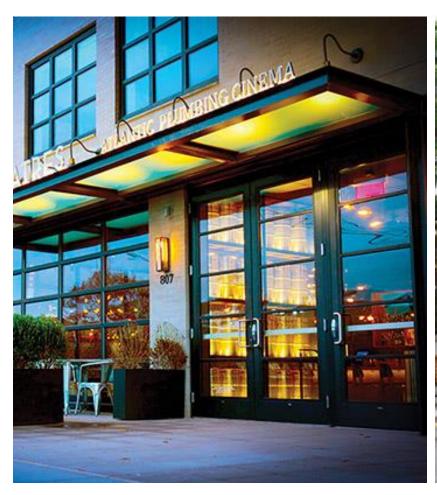
### Pedestrian Level And Building Materials







# Pedestrian Level – Design Matters A Lot



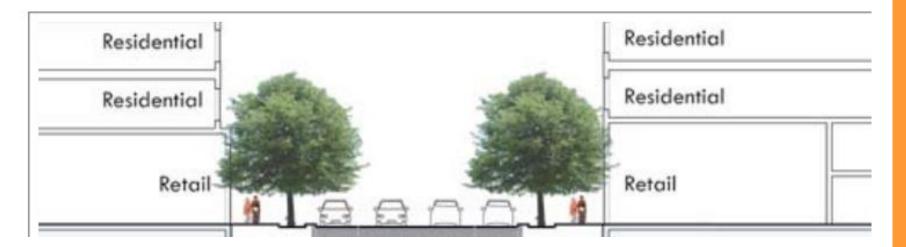


# Parking - Location, Access, Design





### Streetscapes - Sidewalk (By Land Use And Location)











#### PROPOSED ART CORRIDOR MAP

#### Temporary Art Installation and Mini Charrette





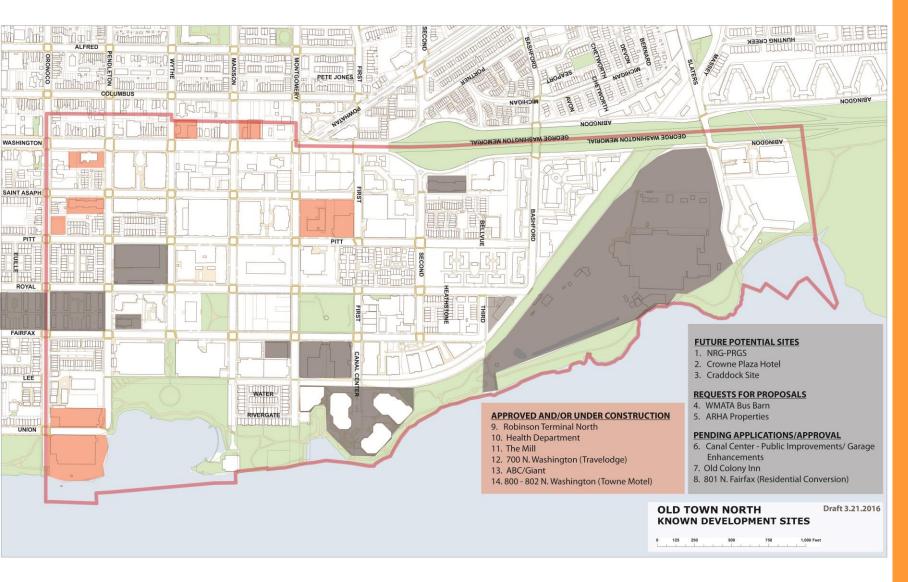
# POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES ANALYSIS



# STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPLISH PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

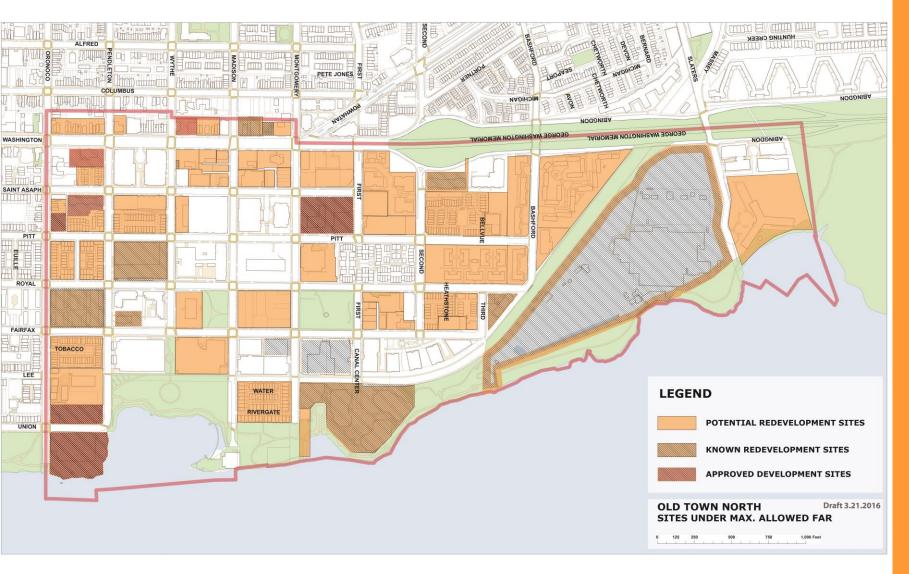
- Affordable Housing throughout plan area for a mix of incomes, ages and abilities
- Balance and Flexibility of Land Use
- Reinforced Retail Focus Areas
- Active Street Frontages
- Improved Access and Connectivity
- Enhanced and Expanded Open Space

#### **KNOWN DEVELOPMENT SITES**



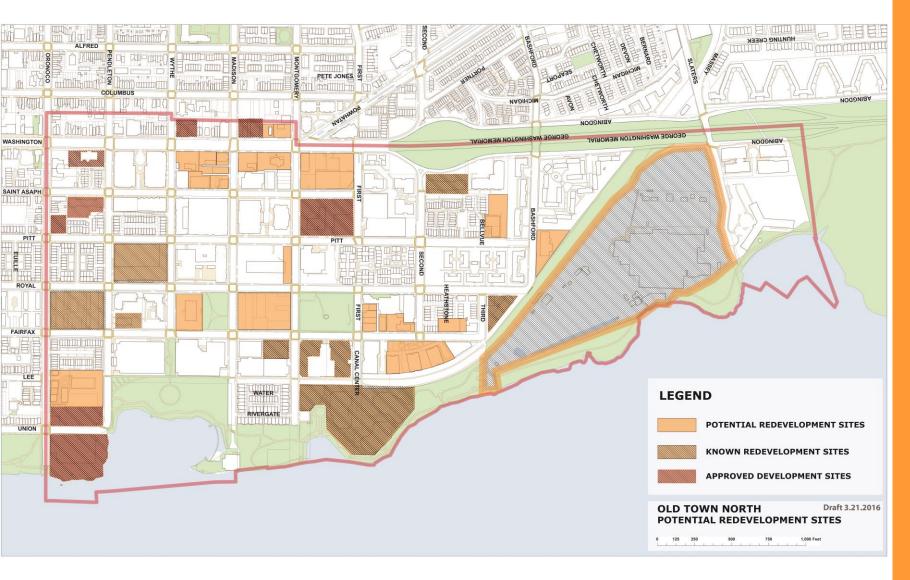


#### **CURRENT ZONING - SITES UNDER MAX. FAR**



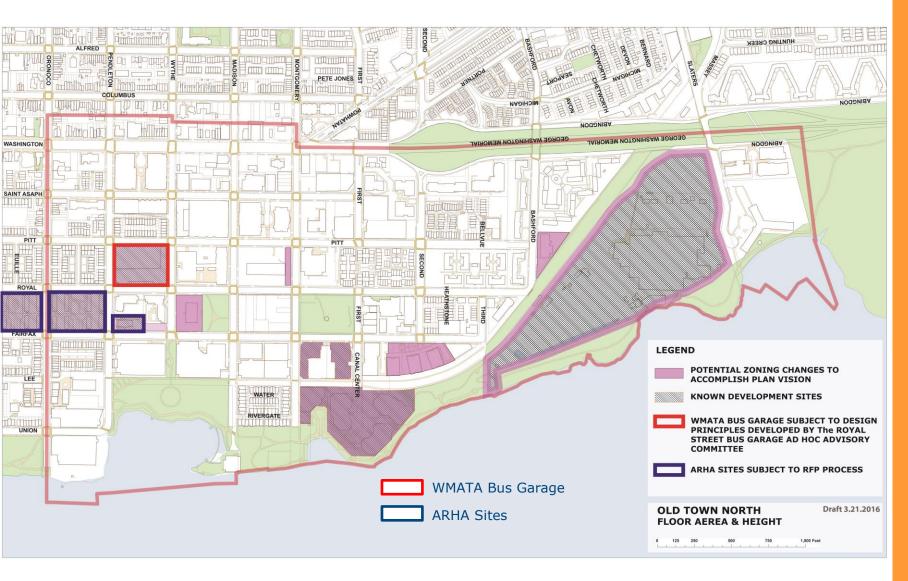


#### POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT SITES— (Over The Next 20 Years)



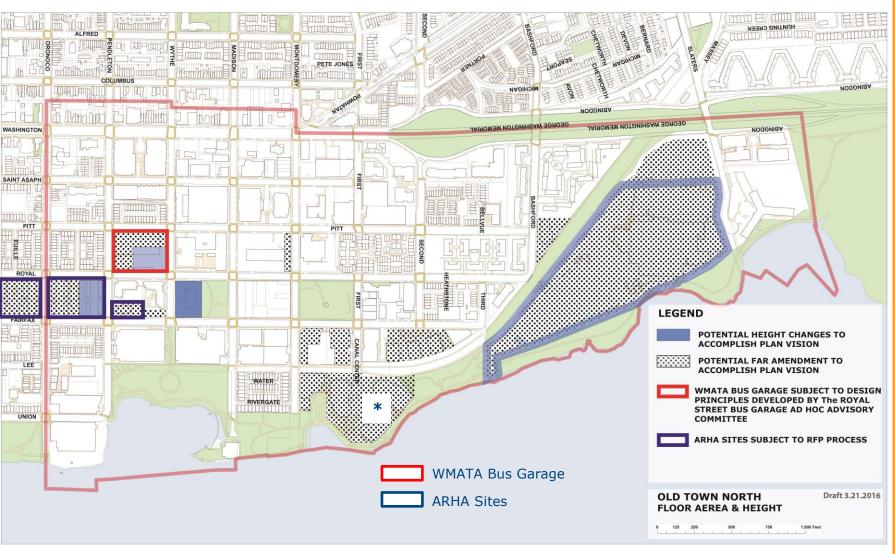


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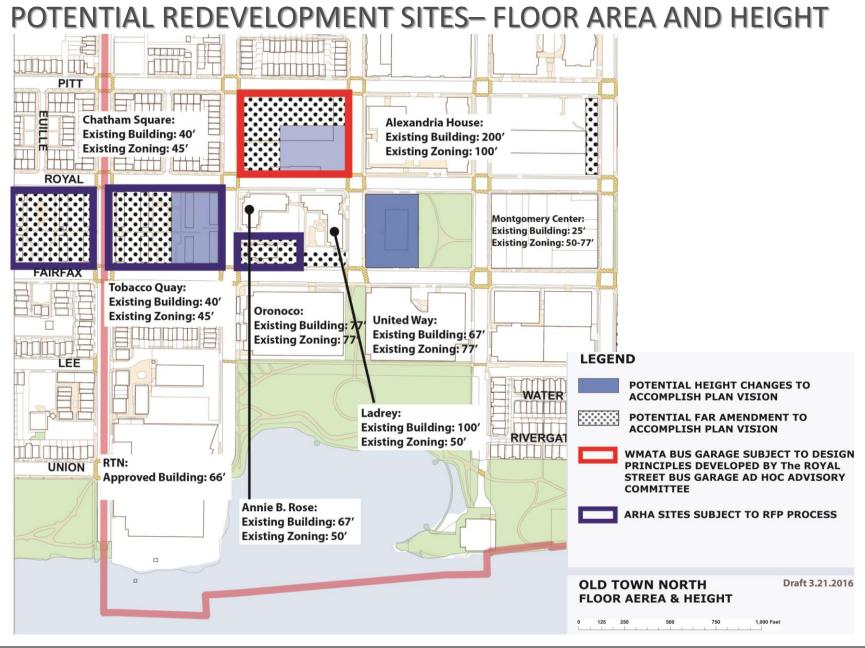


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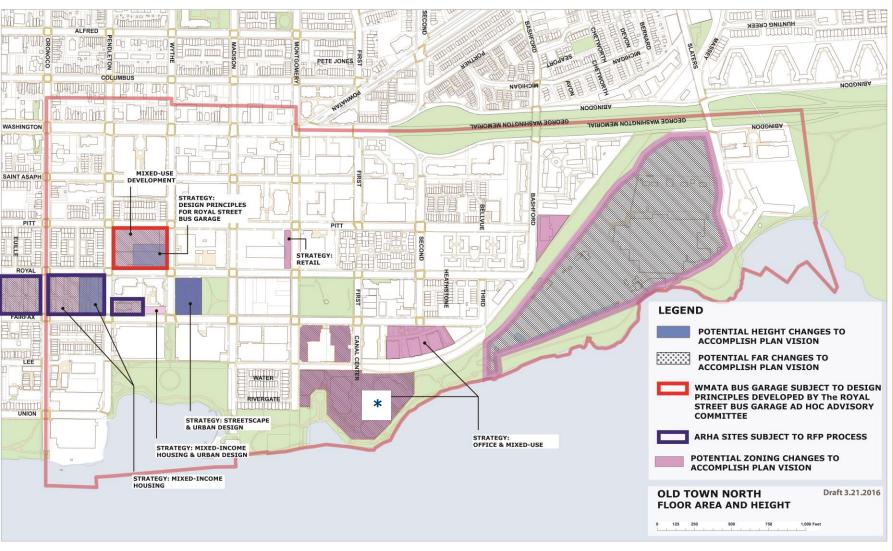
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#### POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT SITES—STRATEGIES



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# Group Discussion - Direction

# Public Comment

# NRG/PEPCO SITE LAND USE STRATEGIES



## NRG and Pepco site

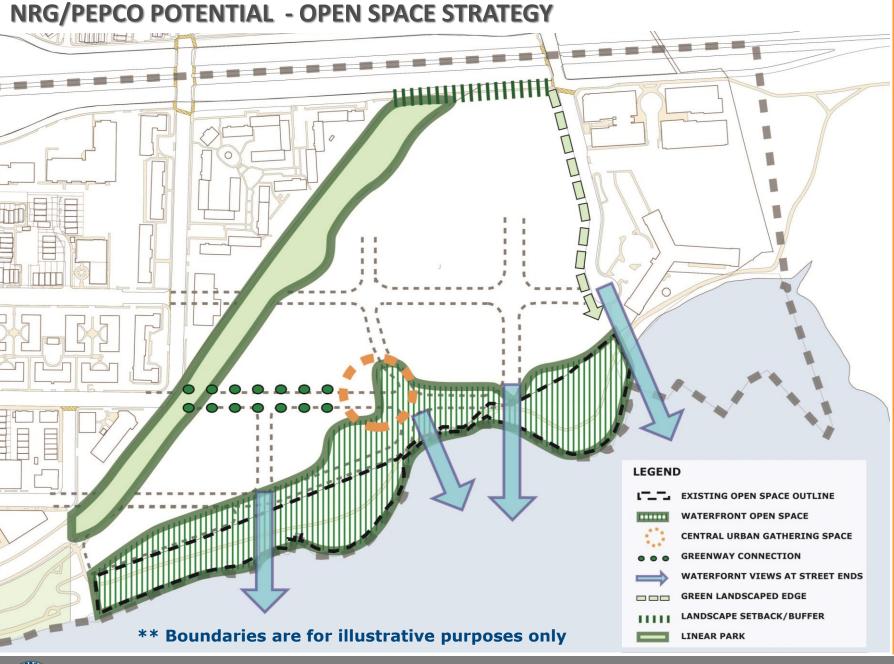
#### Design Parameters - Building Community And Place



#### **DESIGN PARAMETERS**

- Required Open Spaces
- Industrial Heritage
- Framework Streets
- Land Uses (Mixed-Use/Innovation)
- Building Scale
- Site Design Guidelines







# Types Of Open Spaces











### **Industrial Character**





# Industrial Heritage – Open Space Design





# Industrial Heritage – Public Artifacts







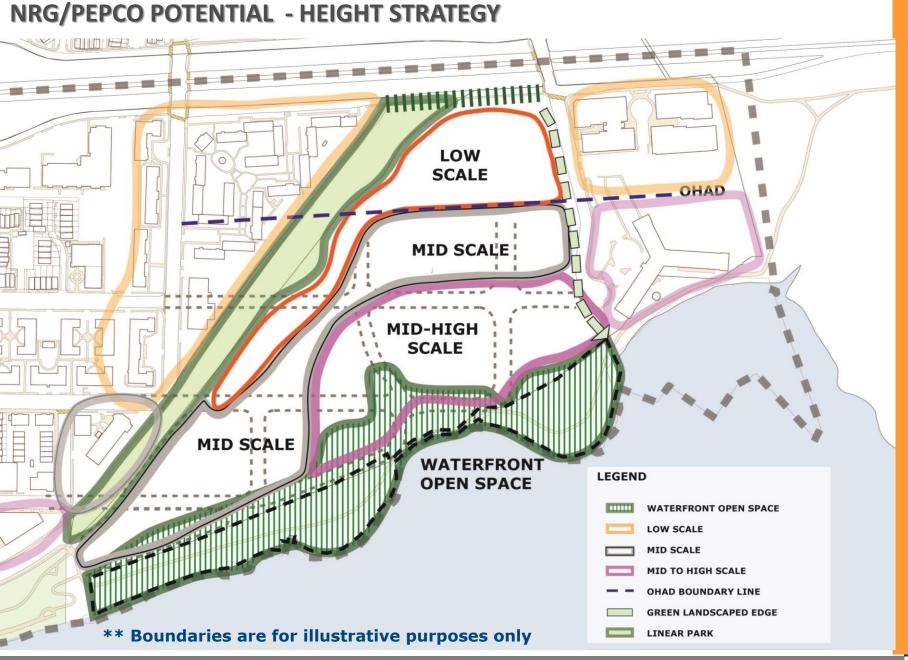




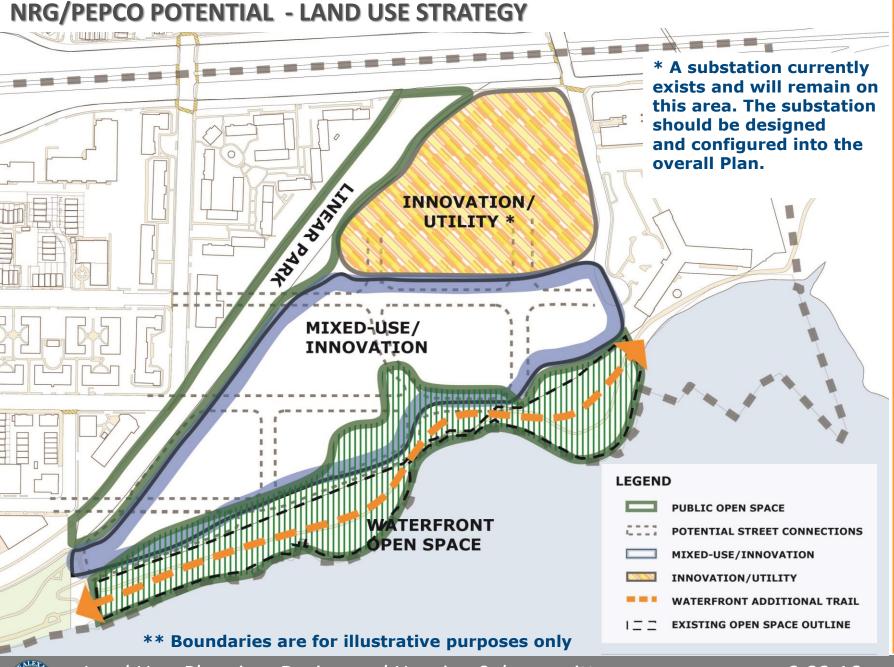
# Industrial Heritage — Potential Building Reuse



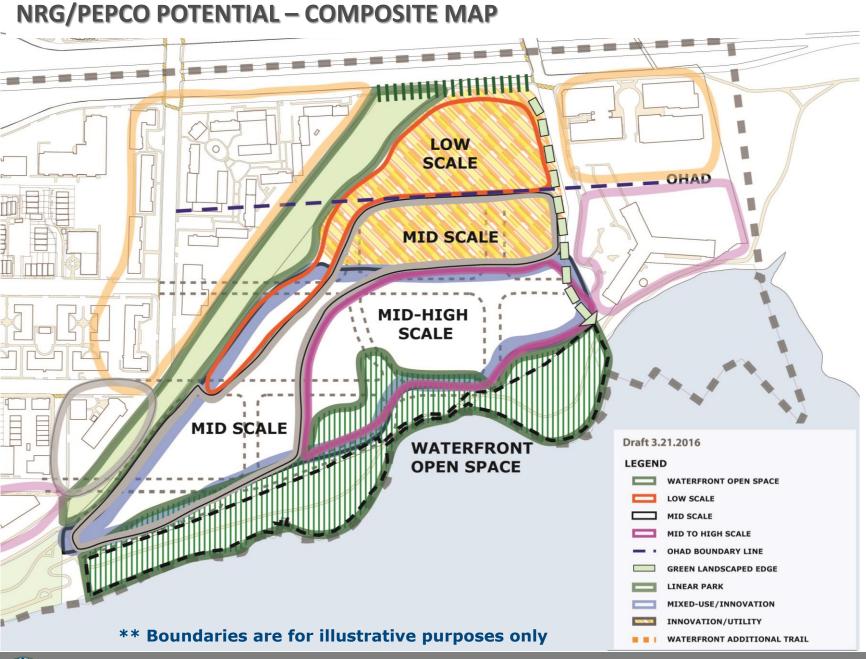














# Group Discussion - Direction

# NRG/PEPCO SITE

# Subcommittee Discussion and Exercise For NRG

- Concepts for Land Use
- Definition of Innovative Use



# Public Comment

# **Next Steps**

Advisory Group Meeting
March 24, 2016, 7:00-9:00PM – Report Out to
the full Advisory Group - Crowne Plaza Hotel,
901 N Fairfax St, Washington Room

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